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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

PRESLIE HARDWICK,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
vs.  
  
COUNTY OF ORANGE, MARCIE  
VREEKEN, ELAINE WILKINS, THE  
ESTATE OF HELEN DWOJAK,  
SHARON GRIER; and DOES 1-100,  
  
Defendants.

Case No. 8:13-cv-1390-JLS-ANx

**JUDGMENT**

This action came on regularly for trial on May 23, 2017, in Courtroom 10A of the United States District Court, Central District of California located at 411 Fourth Street, Santa Ana, California, the Honorable Josephine L. Staton, presiding. Plaintiff Preslie Hardwick appeared by attorneys Robert R. Powell and Dennis Ingols. Defendants Marcie Vreeken, Elaine Wilkins, and the Estate of Helen Dwojak appeared by attorneys Norman J. Watkins and Pancy Lin. A jury of eight persons was regularly impaneled and sworn.

After hearing all of the evidence, the Court duly instructed the jury, and the

1 cause was submitted to the jury. On June 5, 2017, the jury returned to the Court a  
2 unanimous Special Verdict in favor of Defendants Marcie Vreeken, Elaine Wilkins,  
3 and the Estate of Helen Dwojak as follows:

4 **Question 1:**

5 Did either defendant named below violate the rights of plaintiff with regard to  
6 the hearing held February 17th, 2000?

7 YES NO

8 Marcie Vreeken \_\_\_\_\_ X

9 Elaine Wilkins \_\_\_\_\_ X

10 If you answered "yes" to either defendant, proceed to Question 2. If you  
11 answered "no" to both defendants, skip to Question 3.

12 **Question 2:**

13 Did Helen Dwojak violate the rights of plaintiff in her supervisory role over  
14 either Marcie Vreeken or Elaine Wilkins, with regard to the hearing held February  
15 17th, 2000?

16 YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

17 Whether you answered "yes" or "no" to Question 2, go to Question 3.

18 **Question 3:**

19 Did defendant Marcie Vreeken violate the rights of plaintiff with regard to the  
20 hearing held March 31st, 2000?

21 YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

22 If you answered "yes" proceed to Question 4. If you answered "no" to this  
23 Question and "yes" to either defendant in Question 1, skip to Question 5. If you  
24 answered "no" to this Question and "no" in Question 1 as to all defendants, skip to  
25 the end, and sign and date this form.

26 **Question 4:**

27 Did Helen Dwojak violate the rights of plaintiff in her supervisory role over  
28 defendant Marcie Vreeken, with regard to the hearing held March 31st, 2000?

1                                YES        NO       

2        Whether you answered "yes" or "no" to Question 4, go to Question 5.

3        **Question 5:**

4        If you answered "yes" to any defendant in Question 1, Question 2, Question 3,  
5 or Question 4, as to that specific defendant, what is the amount of past and future  
6 emotional harm damages appropriate to fairly compensate the Plaintiff for any  
7 injury or harm?

	Past Emotional Harm	Future Emotional Harm
8        Marcie Vreeken	\$ _____	\$ _____
9        Elaine Wilkins	\$ _____	\$ _____
10        Helen Dwojak	\$ _____	\$ _____

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12        If you gave an amount for damages in excess of \$1 as to an individual  
13 defendant, for that defendant you do not need to answer Question 6. If you did not  
14 give an amount for damages as to a defendant, for that defendant, answer Question  
15 6.

16        **Question 6:**

17        If you found in favor of the plaintiff against a defendant, but found that the  
18 plaintiff failed to prove damages as to that defendant, please enter the amount of  
19 nominal damages awarded to plaintiff for that defendant. Nominal damages may  
20 not exceed one dollar.

21        Marcie Vreeken	\$ _____
22        Elaine Wilkins	\$ _____
23        Helen Dwojak	\$ _____

24        **Question 7:**

25        If you answered "yes" as to any defendant in response to Question 1, Question  
26 2, Question 3, or Question 4, then as to that defendant, has the plaintiff proved by a  
27 preponderance of the evidence that the defendant acted with malice, oppression, or  
28 in reckless disregard of any of the plaintiff's rights?

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YES NO

Marcie Vreeken	_____	_____
Elaine Wilkins	_____	_____
Helen Dwojak	_____	_____

Defendant County of Orange was previously dismissed by Order granting summary judgment dated April 10, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, **IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** as follows:

1. Defendants County of Orange, Marcie Vreeken, Elaine Wilkins, and the Estate of Helen Dwojak have Judgment in their favor, and Plaintiff Preslie Hardwick takes nothing by way of her operative complaint against these Defendants; and

2. Defendants may recover from Plaintiff their costs of suit in accordance with applicable law.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: June 7, 2017



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HON. JOSEPHINE L. STATON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE